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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS CONDEMNS VIETNAM VIOLATIONS

1. IZVESTIA MARCH 9 AND PRAVDA MARCH 11 PUBLISH COMMENTARIES ON VIETNAM, EACH EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH GVN IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND FRIBLING ABOUT U.S. SUPPORT WHICH MEBOLDENS THIEU TO VIOLATE IT. COMMENTARIS THUS REVIVE THEME, ALBIET IN MORE HEDGED LANGUAGE, OF INDIRECT U.S. COMPLICITY IN VIOLATIONS WHICH SOVIET PLAYED UN IN DECEMBER AND THEN DROPPED.

2. IZVESTIA'S COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ALLUDES TO DRV

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NOTE TO PARIS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ON OCCASION OF

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ACT OF PARIS. PRAVDA DOES NOT PEG ITS COMMENT TO DRV NOTE, BUT APPEARS TO BE PROMPTED BY ALLEGATIONS IT CONTAINS. BOTH COMMENTARIS CHARGE GVN WITH CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, UNDERMINING WORK OF ICCS AND INTERNAL REPRESSION. PRAVDA ADDS GVN "SABOTAGE" OF CELLE-SAINT-CLOUD TALKS WITH PRG AND JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION IN SVN, AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT INTRUSION INTO HELICOPTER CORRIDORS FOR PRISONER EXCHANGES. IT WARNS THAT GVN IS "PLAYING WITH FIRE."

3. U.S. IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS PRIME SUPPORTER OF GVN, BUT NEITHER COMMENTARY DIRECTLY ACCUSES U.S. OF VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IZVESTIA OBSERVES THAT DRV NOTE CALLS ON U.S. AS WELL AS GVN TO STOP VIOLATIONS, AND PRAVDA SAYS PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE DEMAND END TO INCITEMENT OF THEIR CLIQUE BY "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES OF THE USA." PRAVDA CLAIMS PENTAGON HAS RECENTLY DELIVERED 700,000 TONS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION, 500 MILITARY PLANES AND 900 TANKS AND APC'S.

4. COMMENT: AS IZVESTIA POINTS OUT, BREZHNEV HAS SAID "SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM IS OUR /SOVIET/ INTERNATIONALIST DUTY." THESE COMMENTARIS APPEAR TO BE PERIODIC TOKENS OF THAT SUPPORT, WITH A PINCH OF ANTI-AMERICAN RHETORIC TO SHOW HANOI THAT SOVIET HEARTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. STOESSEL

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